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Town Officers, 1895-6.

Town Clerk,
WILLIAM H. MEEK.

Treasurer,
WALTER E. JONES.

Selectmen,
WM. ABBOTT, W. L. CHURCH, W. H. EMERSON

Assessors,
EDWIN MOORE, C. R. HILL, RALPH ALDRICH

Overseers of Poor,
AARON F. JONES, ORRIN CHASE, E. C. PARKER

School Committee,
C. J. BATCHELLER, WM. H. EMERSON,
W. W. BROWN, STILLMAN RUSSELL,
M. M. LUTHER, WALTER CARPENTER,
FRANCISCO BOWEN, H. O. LAMSON,
A. F. BROWN.

Town Agent,
ISSAC S. BALCOME.

Auditor,

GEORGE ABBOTT.

Trustees Public Library.

A. D. BOWERS,
ALVIN BROWN,
W. P. WIGHT,

A. H. MARSH,
C. J. BATCHELLER,
H. O. LAMSON.

Constables,

W. W. BROWN,
ARTHUR G. WOODMAN,
STILLMAN RUSSELL,

W. E. CORRELL,
LUCIUS J. MARSH,
F. F. YOUNG.

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,

EDWIN MOORE.

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,

BRIGHAM MORSE, ISSAC S. BALCOME,
W. L. CHURCH.

Bridge Viewers,

BRIGHAM MORSE, W. R. WALLIS,
B. W. STOCKWELL.

Fence Viewers,

HAMMOND METCALF, E. E. YOUNG,
JOSEPH A. RICHARDSON.

Tax Collector,

EDWARD B. KNAPP.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 16, 1896.

E. N. Jenckes,
Edgar C. Parker,
Aaron F. Jones,
Chauncy R. Hill,
A. J. Thayer,
Francisco Bowen,
James Dermody,
John U. Hubbard,
Frank Correll,
Henry D. Wallis,
Alvin H. Brown,

Brigham Morse, Sr.
John M. Rawson,
William Abbott,
Isaac S. Balcome,
William H. Emerson,
James W. Wixtead,
Walter E. Parker,
Stillman Russell,
Edward B. Knapp,
Jessie B. Sweet,
George M. Wallis,

Wellington Balcome.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
WILLIAM L. CHURCH,	
W. H. EMERSON,	

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the
County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon ; then and there to act on the following articles :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Town Agent, six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and three Appraisers on the Device of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year; also one Overseer of the Poor, three School Committee, and two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years.

Art. 3.—To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4.—To vote on the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the ensuing year?

Art. 5.—To hear the annual reports of the Several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for payment of debts and interest, and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7.—To raise by tax and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for the year 1896, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest, and see if the town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid before specified time.

Art. 9.—To determine the time when Poll Taxes shall be collected.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending Apr. 1. 1897, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of said company.

Art. 12.—To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund, so called, for the ensuing year.

Art. 13.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

Art. 14.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector for collecting taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 15.—To choose one or more Auditors in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 221, of Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

Art. 16.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated, which were assessed in the previous years.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapt. 431, of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor, that the town will unite with the Town of Sutton to employ a Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 19.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate the

sum of (\$150) one hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chapt. 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1835.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to protect ponds and streams in Douglas, from parties living out of town from fishing in them, and to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars to enforce said vote.

Art. 21.—To see what action the town will take to stock the ponds and streams with trout and other food fish, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the expenses of the same, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 22.—To see if the town will instruct the Agent of the Wallis Devise to collect all back interest and all interest annually, according to the conditions of the will.

Art. 23.—To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor the ensuing year.

Art. 24.—To hear the report of all outstanding Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to receive bids for wood and coal for school and town purposes for the year ensuing.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will vote to appoint two weighers of coal and measurers of wood for town purposes.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will vote to employ a Town Physician.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to have a suitable number of valuation books printed, as taken by the Assessors.

Art. 29.—To see what action the town will take in regard to building a road from Wallum Pond to main road.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will vote to post all warrants calling future town meetings, on the school house in District No. 4, instead of on the tavern house of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas.

Art. 31.—To see if the town will vote to buy one undivided half of about six acres of wood land the other half of which they now own.

Art. 32.—To see if the town will choose a committee to revise the present By-laws, or draft a new code for the government of the town, and report the same at the next annual meeting, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will vote to raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray town expenses the ensuing year, not included in Art. 6.

Art. 34.—To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approbation of the Selectmen to pay all necessary expenses when there is a deficiency in the treasury.

Art. 35.—To see if the town will vote to instruct their Selectmen to have their cemetery mowed once a year and have the grave stones placed in position.

Art. 36.—To see if the town will vote to require tramps to work when cared for over night, or act or do anything relative to the same.

Art. 37.—To see if the town will vote to buy or rent the Citizens' Hall, so called, for school purposes.

Art. 38.—To see if the town will vote to choose by ballot either a Superintendent of the Highways, Townways and Bridges ; a Highway Surveyor, or a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

The polls may close at 3 o'clock, p. m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand this twenty-ninth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,	} Selectmen
WILLIAM L. CHURCH,	
W. H. EMERSON,	
	} of
	} Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1896.

Highways and Bridges.

A. F. Jones, Supt. of Highways, for repairs on highways and bridges,	\$2,738 86
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Schools.

Teachers' salaries, care of rooms, school supplies, repairs on school houses,	\$5,932 40
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Overseers of the Poor.

For support of poor,	\$2,650 00
Salaries of Overseers,	150 00
	\$2,800 00

Fire Company.

Vote of town,	\$320 00
Geo. A. Seagraves, care engine hall from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895,	12 00
A. G. Woodman, labor on engine building,	3 00
Charles McKay, labor on fire engine,	6 55
George A. Gleason, repairs on fire engine,	7 25
A. F. Jones, coal and wood for engine hall,	13 80
	\$362 60

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

Vote of the town,	\$150 00
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State Aid Under Chap. 301.

Arena Chapman,	\$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00
Wellington Balcome,	54 00
Theron H. Barton,	58 00
Wellington Dore,	48 00
Joseph T. Arnold,	36 00
Chandler Titus,	36 00
Thomas H. Snow,	72 00
Lizzie Cook,	48 00
Laura Balcome,	48 00
Dighton Goddard,	62 00
William Reynolds,	48 00
Simon A. Paine,	36 00
Nathan B. Fish,	48 00
Sylvester Chase,	60 00
George A. Leach,	48 00
Charles E. Green,	12 00
Jacob Blunt,	18 00
Geo. H. Nichols,	9 00

	\$837 00

Soldiers' Aid.

Dr. S. P. Holbrook, for John Holland,	\$2 00
Dr. Sterling, for John Holland,	4 00
S. Russell, medicine for John Holland,	1 05
Joseph Bowen, burial John Holland,	35 00
Town of Sutton, for aid to Maud Brown,	
(a soldier's child),	15 00
S. F. Root, aid to Wm. Reynolds,	3 00

	\$60 05

Town Clerk.

Repairs on ballot box	\$ 50
Paid express,	75
Recording thirty-seven births, twenty-six	
marriages, fifty-six deaths and paid	
doctor for returning thirty-five births,	49 75
Meeting town clerks at Sutton, express,	
stamps, postal cards, etc.	9 30

	\$60 30

Selectmen.

Wm. Abbott,	\$33 33	
W. H. Church,	33 33	
W. H. Emerson,	33 34	
		\$100 00

School Committee.

W. H. Emerson,	\$33 33	
Stillman Russell,	33 33	
W. W. Brown,	33 34	
		\$100 00

Purchasing Agent.

Stillman Russell,	\$25 00
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Registrars.

Geo. Gleason, to May 1, 1895,	\$15 00	
Charles Marcier, for three years to May 1, 1895,	45 00	
I. S. Balcome,	15 00	
W. H. Meek, services and clerk of board,	17 50	
A. F. Jones, year 1886,	10 00	
		\$102 50

Election Expenses.

W. H. Meek, three days.	\$7 50	
James Dermody, constable March meeting,	2 50	
E. N. Jenckes, election officer,	2 50	
J. W. Wixtead, election officer,	2 50	
F. A. Place, election officer, two days,	5 00	
W. P. Wight, election officer, two days,	5 00	
W. P. Wight, election officer,	2 50	
E. E. Young, election officer,	2 50	
E. P. Heath, Sheriff, Nov. election,	2 50	
James Wixtead,	2 50	
John M. Rawson,	5 00	
Stillman Russell,	5 00	
W. R. Wallis,	2 50	
C. J. Batcheller,	5 00	
		\$52 50

Cemetery Addition.

Joseph A. Richardson, for land,	\$83 74	
Harley Brown, for building walls,	80 00	
		\$163 74

Cattle Inspectors.

Dermody and Heath,	\$151 92
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Protecting Fish and Stocking Ponds and Brooks.

W. H. Emerson and W. H. Church,	\$23 25	
C. J. Batcheller, printing fish notices,	2 25	
		\$25 50

Markers for Soldiers' Graves.

John M. Rawson,	\$32 74
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Assessors.

Edwin Moore, books, stationery, and expr.,	\$5 67	
Ralph Aldrich, services,	64 00	
Edwin Moore, services,	75 00	
C. R. Hill, services,	75 00	
		\$219 67

Wallum Pond and Wellington Young Roads.

A. F. Brown, surveyor,	\$10 50	
A. C. Moore, surveyor, making specifications and profile,	19 00	
L. A. Buffum, for building Young road,	75 00	
Printing notices Wallum pond road,	1 25	
W. R. Wallis, grading stakes,	30	
Selectmen, time, expenses and hire of teams,	21 00	
		\$127 05

Truant Officer.

F. F. Young,	\$15 00
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Treasurer.

W. E. Jones,	\$75 00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. E. Jones,	\$10 00
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Bridge Viewer.

Brigham Morse,	\$2 00
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Case of Mrs. Withie.

Mrs. Withie,	\$400 00	
E. N. Jenckes, services and expenses,	10 50	
J. W. Wixtead, time and expense,	7 20	
Wm. Abbott, time and expense,	4 00	
		\$421 70

Printing.

C. J. Batcheller, town reports, warrants, and ballots,	\$120 85	
C. J. Batcheller, letter heads, two books receipts for town treasurer,	6 75	
C. J. Batcheller, one hundred check lists for men and one hundred for women,	16 50	
C. J. Batcheller, printing tally sheets,	1 75	
		\$145 85

Constables.

A. G. Woodman, posting town warrants,	\$3 00	
A. G. Woodman, services 4th of July, 1895,	2 50	
Stillman Russell, posting two town war- rants and notifying twenty town officers,	6 00	
		\$11 50

Sexton.

M. H. Balcome,	\$5 50
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Hearse House.

W. W. Brown,	\$100 00
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Making Snow Roads.

Loren Stockwell, in month of March, 1895,	\$20 18
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Lockup.

Major Benson, shingling lockup,	\$8 63	
W. R. Wallis, shingles and nails for lockup,	17 95	
		\$26 58

Miscellaneous.

W. E. Jones, lamps, oil, etc. for the hall,	\$6 23	
Randolph Darling, getting horse out of the pond and burying him,	5 00	
Paid selectmen, perambulating town lines between Uxbridge, Sutton, and Douglas,	20 00	
Estate of Suel Logee, repairs on road scraper, 1894,	5 20	
W. H. Emerson, brooms, postage, lock, keys, etc. for Selectmen's office,	3 60	
F. S. Phetteplace, for injury on highway,	10 00	
Frank Bowen, repairs on town hall,	13 00	
John M. Rawson, making settlement with the N. Y. & N. E. Railroad, on account coffee house road, 1883,	4 50	
May Keith, right of way under road,	25 00	
Dr. Sterling, expenses in diphtheria case,	3 75	
Myron O. Mowry, disinfectants,	3 50	
William Church, mowing and cleaning up cemetery,	21 00	
E. T. Thayer, teams to Wallum pond to a fire in 1894,	15 00	
Joseph Bowen, returning thirty one deaths 1895,	7 75	
George M. Wallis, sawing planks,	6 77	
		\$150 30

Recapitulation.

Highways and bridges	\$2,738 86
Schools,	5,932 40
Overseers of the poor,	2,800 00

Fire company,	\$362 60
Truant officer,	15 00
Treasurer,	75 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
Bridge viewers,	2 00
Case of Mrs. Withie,	421 70
Printing,	145 85
Cemetery addition,	163 74
Cattle inspectors,	151 92
Markers for soldiers' graves,	32 74
Assessors,	219 67
Wallum pond and Wellington Young roads,	127 05
Protecting fish and stocking ponds,	25 50
Soldiers' aid,	60 05
Town clerk,	60 30
Selectmen,	100 00
School committee,	100 00
Purchasing agent for schools,	25 00
State aid,	837 00
Constables,	11 50
Sexton,	5 50
Hearse house,	100 00
Making snow roads,	20 18
Lockup,	26 58
Miscellaneous,	150 30
Samuel Sibley Post,	150 00
Registrars,	102 50
Election expenses,	52 50
	————— \$15,025 44

WILLIAM ABBOTT,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
WILLIAM L. CHURCH,	
W. H. EMERSON,	

GEORGE ABBOTT, Auditor,

Treasurer's Report.

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

		DR.
1895.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$684 94
" 19.	Rec'd from H. W. Jones, butcher's license, 1894,	1 00
" 20.	State Treas., corporation tax,	10 24
Apr. 1.	S. Russell, collector 1894,	100 00
" 2.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	6 30
" 20.	Borrowed from Lura A. Wallis,	800 00
	Rec'd from City of Fall River,	16 00
" 29.	Borrowed from Whitinsville Savings Bank,	5,000 00
May 25.	Rec'd from S. Russell, druggist's license,	1 00
" 31.	Town of Blackstone,	71 40
June 3.	H. W. Jones, butcher's license, 1895,	1 00
July 10.	W. H. Meek, town clerk, $\frac{a}{c}$ flying horses,	10 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	82 14
" 15.	Flying horses, license 1 week,	10 00
Aug. 6.	T. J. Murphy, butcher's license,	1 00
" 7.	F. R. Caswell, butcher's license,	1 00
" 23.	State Treas., support state paupers,	62 86
Oct. 5.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	53 30
" 21.	License merry-go-round,	3 00
" 22.	G. P. B. Clark, collector, 1892 balance due,	25 01

Nov. 2.	Rec'd from State Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ support state paupers,	\$44 00
	State Treas., temporary support state paupers,	2 00
	State Treas., burial state paupers,	38 00
" 22.	J. M. Rawson, auctioneer's license,	2 00
" 29.	Treas. Library, proceeds of entertainment,	128 75
Dec. 10.	State Treas. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ national bank tax,	150 54
	State Treas. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ corporation tax,	148 79
1896.	State Treas. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ state aid,	611 00
Jan. 2.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	232 82
" 13.	R. L. Chamberlain, keeper house of correction,	50 00
	County Treas., dog fund '95,	285 94
" 25.	State Treas., $\frac{1}{2}\%$ support state paupers,	4 25
	State Treas., transportation state paupers,	2 28
	State Treas., income school fund,	325 60
" 31.	S. Russell, collector, 1894,	95 00
	S. Russell, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ tuition of scholars two terms,	6 00
Feb. 8.	C. S. Caswell, collector 1893,	9 11
	C. S. Caswell, collector 1893, interest,	84
" 29.	Borrowed from Aaron F. Jones on demand note,	700 00
	Rec'd from S. Russell, collector 1894,	82 00
	S. Russell, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sale school books, etc.,	3 75
	S. Russell, tuition,	8 00
	Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ aid rendered diseased soldiers,	7 00
	E. B. Knapp collector,	15,286 07
		\$25,163 93

W. E. JONES, TREASURER.

1895.		CR.
Mar. 30.	Paid M. M. Luther, int. on note, 1 yr. to Mar: 29, '95,	\$12 00
Apr. 1.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 1-9 inc.	812 42
" 8.	E. O. Bacon, deputy sheriff,	7 24
	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff,	32 80
" 20.	Wm. Abbott, guardian, int. on note, 1 yr. to Mar. 29, '95,	71 75
" 22.	William Abbott, int. on note, 1 yr. to Apr. 6, '95,	90 00
May 2.	William Abbott, guardian, on prin- cipal of note,	150 00
" 6.	Orders of Selectmen, 10-25 inc.	3,192 67
" 15.	A. J. Thayer, insurance,	9 25
" 22.	Edwin Moore, int. on note, 1 yr. to Apr. 29, '95,	78 00
June 3.	Sarah Richardson, int. on note, 1 yr. to May 30, '95,	37 96
	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 26-36 inc.	912 90
	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 37-38 inc.	69 00
" 17.	Edwin Moore, int. on two notes, for 1 yr.	72 00
" 19.	Order drawn by Treas. of Library, No. 63,	13 90
July 6.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 39-52 inc.	934 10
" 8.	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff,	19 36
	E. O. Bacon, deputy sheriff,	12 13
Aug. 2.	Two orders of abatement, 1894,	5 91
	Two orders of abatement, 1895,	15 11
	Two orders drawn by Treasurer of Library, Nos. 64-65,	301 64
	Wm. Abbott, guardian, on prin- cipal of note,	200 00
	Whitinsville Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,551 40
" 3.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 53-60 inc.	294 88

Sept. 7.	Paid A. J. Thayer, insurance,	11 25
	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 61-71 inc.	1,211 90
Oct. 6.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 72-79 inc.	900 80
" 7.	Recording two deeds, (Keith and Richardson),	1 15
	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff,	42 14
	Stillman Russell, constable,	9 66
	Hamilton Boyd, deputy sheriff,	4 50
" 15.	E. N. Jenckes, Agt., int. on note 1 yr. to Aug. 17, '95,	110 00
	Two orders from Treas. of Library, Nos. 66-67,	65 70
Nov. 2.	Order of abatement, 1892,	12 08
	Collector, 1892, for deed of prop- erty sold for taxes,	4 51
	Order from Treasurer of Library, No. 68,	37 50
	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 80-89 inc.	1,391 66
" 4.	Wm. Abbott, guardian, on principal of note,	50 00
" 19.	Heirs Retus Walling Estate, int. on note to Nov. 18, '95,	65 70
	Jessie Sherman, abatement, 1895,	5 29
Dec. 7.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 90-102 inc.	906 86
" 10.	State Treas., state tax,	630 00
" 24.	Whitinsville Savings Bank,	2,500 00
	Whitinsville Savings Bank, int.	131 12
	Order from Treas. Public Library, No. 69,	18 62
1896.		
Jan. 2.	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff,	64 69
" 4.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 103-114 inc.	1,149 68
" 31.	E. O. Bacon, deputy sheriff,	9 70
Feb. 1.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 115-141 inc.	2,945 07
" 29.	Orders of selectmen, Nos. 142-150 inc.	303 50
	Two orders of Treas. Pub. Library Nos. 70 and 71,	70 40

Feb. 29.	Paid County tax,	\$980 00
	Discounts on taxes,	179 30
	Inhabitants Douglas Tax,	27 17
	Orders of abatement,	12 68
	Balance cash on hand,	1,414 88
		\$25,163 93

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. JONES, Treasurer.

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets March 2, 1896,

Cash on hand,	\$1,414 88
Lockup and school property,	5,000 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at almshouse,	1,553 85
Engine building and lot,	1,350 00
New town hall building and lot,	2,800 00
Fire engine and hose,	800 00
Two safes in selectmen's room,	425 00
Road machine and scrapers,	250 00
Road tools on hand,	35 00
New school books on hand,	180 46
Due from State, on state aid,	837 00
Chas. Caswell, collector 1893,	42 68
Stillman Russell, 1894,	359 34
Edward B. Knapp, 1895,	350 00
State for support state paupers,	676 40
inspection cattle, etc.	75 96
burial indigent soldiers,	35 00
	\$19,185 57

Liabilities

Note to Retus Walling Heirs,	\$1,095 00
Albert Butler Estate,	700 00
Albert Butler Estate,	500 00
Edwin Moore, three notes.	2,500 00
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Wm. Abbott, guardian,	750 0
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
Wm. Abbott,	1,500 00
Whitinsville Savings Bank,	2,500 00
E. N. Jenckes, agent,	2,000 00
Lura A. Wallis,	800 00
Aaron F. Jones,	700 00
Interest due on above notes,	848 67
	\$14,726 35
Due Stillman Russell, Collector, 1894, as per vote of town,	150 00
Due Edward B. Knapp, Collector, 1895, as per vote of town,	150 00

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

GEO. E. FAIRFIELD, Superintendent.

Personal property as per inventory at almshouse March 1, 1895,	\$1,692 36
Personal property at almshouse as per inventory March 1, 1896,	1,553 85
Amount less than last year,	\$138 51

We have made Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out, as follows :

1895.	DR.	CR.
Mar. 1. Small potatoes sold,	\$5 00	
Barrel potatoes,	2 50	
Cash labor for Arthur Jones,	18 00	
Cash labor for E. C. Parker,	5 00	
Paid cash W. R. Wallis, for grain,		\$14 45
Paid H. F. Dudley, oysters,		1 00
Paid E. N. Jenckes, groceries,		5 30
Paid F. R. Caswell, meat,		3 07
Paid T. Murphy, meat,		3 28
Paid S. F. Root & Co., groceries,		1 43
Paid E. Parker,		1 00

1895.		Dr.	Cr.
	Paid medicine for Bridget Lee,		\$ 75
	Paid Frank Amidon, for repairs on stove,		75
April 1.	Paid 3 lbs. sausage,		36
	Labor Mrs. J. Hilton,	\$ 25	
	Geo. E. Fairfield,		
	28 lbs. pork,		2 80
	34 lbs. lard,		3 40
	Pascoag Baker, bread and crackers,		50
	Three and one half doz. eggs,	50	
	Comb for Ellen Thayer,		10
	Repairing glasses,		15
Apr. 26.	H. C. Arnold, for cow,	35 00	
May 1.	Pascoag Baker,		5 85
	Condition powders,		45
	Pint alcohol,		45
	One half pint whiskey,		25
	Labor on highway,	33 46	
May 10.	Joseph Taylor, cutting wood,		11 86
	Work,		3 00
	Board,	1 75	
	J. H. Dudley, vinegar,		12
	Everett Sweet, for labor,		6 00
	Turpentine,		05
	Fred Linburg, painting, papering, and whitewashing,		15 98
	J. H. Dudley, stove and pipe,		5 25
	Tinct. of rheubarb,		40
June 1.	Joseph Taylor, for board,	3 00	
	William Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Chamber pail,		40
	Sponge and one-half bu. seed corn,		80
	T. H. Barton, work with team,	3 10	
Jun. 16.	T. H. Barton, two pigs,	6 00	
" 17.	A. Reynolds, two pigs,	6 00	
	Hannah Fairfield, 500 lb. hay,		3 75
" 21.	Two doz. tomato plants,		40
" 24.	J. Thayer, four pigs,	12 00	
" 26.	I. T. Johnson, posts,	3 35	
	T. H. Barton, refuse wood,	1 50	
" 27.	Thread, buttons, and dipper,		20
	Shirts, pants, and necktie, for Samiter,		2 25

1895.		DR.	CR.
	Two chamber pails and cover lifter,		\$ 60
July 1.	Labor on highway,	\$23 00	
	Frank Phetteplace, horse shoeing and repairs,		2 75
	Thos. Murphy, meat,		3 89
	William Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Paint and brush,		55
July 8.	Clams,		25
" 14.	Two quarts vinegar,		12
	Meat,		1 15
	Bread,		20
" 19.	Bedtick,		50
" 30.	H. T. Barton, for labor,	30 00	
	G. H. Dudley, for labor,		3 50
" 31.	William Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Bread and crackers,		12 25
Aug. 3.	Clams,		40
	A. G. Sweet, pineapples,		25
" 12.	C. W. Lawrence, for labor,	2 50	
	C. A. Sweet, filing four saws,		60
	Water dipper,		10
	Repairing shoes,		20
Sept. 5.	Frank Wellman, for old iron,	1 05	
" 7	Labor on highway,	80 08	
	Frank Phetteplace, blacksmithing,		3 70
	S. Russell, medicine,		2 50
	A. Leach, repairs,		5 55
" 12.	Pr. collar pads,		1 50
	Wm. Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Repairing boots,		10
	Bread,		25
	Sausage and pork,		1 50
	Mending harness,		35
	Opium, Mrs. Jones,		75
	F. Phetteplace, shoeing horses, etc.		1 50
	Cyrus Sweet, wood,	8 25	
	Five lbs. butter,	1 10	
	Alcohol,		50
	Two plow points,		1 60
	Shawl, Mrs. Conley,		75
	Repairing shoes,		50
	Cutting hair, Samiter,		15

		DR.	CR.
1895.			
Oct. 10.	Wm. Buxton, one mo. labor,		\$18 00
	Oranges, Mrs. Jones,		15
	Mr. Westbrook, for labor,	\$57 87	
	Bread and crackers,		13 50
	M. Chase, cider apples,	2 00	
	S. Russell, rubber bag,		85
	Mending harness,		50
Oct. 28.	S. Russell, medicine,		55
	Tom Murphy, meat,		4 17
	Wood, school dist No. 4,	15 75	
	Pr. gloves, Samiter,		50
	Shawl Bridget Lee,		1 00
	Clothes frame,		25
Nov. 6.	William Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Two qts. cranberries,		30
" 8.	Two qts. vinegar,		13
	Jane Thompson, sewing.		1 25
	Arthur Jones, labor,	10 50	
	Everett Sweet, setting glass, etc.		3 75
	D. A. E. Wallis, labor,	10 50	
	M. H. Balcome, labor,	2 00	
	C. Hilton, milk,	1 00	
	M. O. Mowry, medicine,		50
	Five lbs. sausage,		50
Dec. 3.	William Buxton, one mo. work,		18 00
" 4.	S. Russell, medicine,		95
	F. Phetteplace, shoeing horses,		2 50
	Grinding corn,		60
	Filing saws,		45
	Repairing boots,		75
	Bolt,		25
	Repairing harnesses,		4 25
	T. H. Barton, labor,	5 27	
" 23.	Grinding corn,		75
	Filing saw,		15
" 24.	Mrs. Thompson, cutting and sewing,		3 00
	Fourteen and three-fourths lbs. butter,	3 69	
1896.			
Jan. 15.	Edgar Parker, for butchering,		1 00
	Grinding corn,		1 25
	H. T. Barton, labor,	5 60	

		DR.	CR.
1896.	Pr. pants, Sameter,		\$1 00
	Undervest Bridget Lee,		1 50
	Small potatoes,	\$3 00	
Feb. 1.	Labor on highway,	15 12	
	C. S. Caswell, pigs,		6 50
	Wm. Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Alcohol,		25
	China eggs,		10
	Thomas Murphy, meat,		7 70
	Vinegar,		13
	L. I. Chase, care Mrs. Jones,		7 60
	Grinding corn,		70
	Grinding corn, J. H. Dudley,		3 63
Feb. 15.	W. L. Jillson, labor,	31 75	
	Small potatoes,	3 00	
	H. T. Barton, labor,	5 46	
	H. T. Barton, paveing blocks,	1 70	
	Oysters,		50
" 22.	Wm. Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Sausage,		60
" 24.	Wm. Buxton, one mo. labor,		18 00
	Filing saw,		20
" 25.	A. F. Jones, 3232 plank,	58 18	
	Seven bridge stringers,	35 00	
	E. C. Parker, man and team,		20 00
1895.	Two days,		3 00
Oct. 16.	G. H. Dudley, man and team,		7 20
	200 lbs. hay,		1 55
	John Jarvis, labor,		8 62
	Two plow points,		1 50
	Shoeing horses,		2 00
	Paid for team,		2 00
1896.	Chas. Buxton, for board,		5 00
Feb. 26.	S. Russell, medicine,		4 32
	F. Phetteplace, shoeing and repairs,		7 00
	W. R. Wallis, logs,	6 00	
	M. H. Balcome, labor,	5 62	
	W. S. Jillson, labor,	1 25	
	A. J. Dudley, labor,	6 00	
" 27.	E. C. Parker, butchering,		50
	Bread and crackers,		20 50
	Arthur Jones, labor,	8 75	

		DR.	CR.
1895.	W. L. Jillson, labor,	\$10 00	
	C. W. Brown, shoeing, etc.		\$3 25
June 6.	F. R. Caswell, 89 lbs. veal,	8 01	
July 3.	94	8 46	
Sept. 3.	73	6 57	
Jan. 15.	422 pork,	25 32	
	Drawing rails,	2 00	
	For meat,		84 88
	A. J. Dudley, supplies,		18 30
	Suel Logee, supplies and repairs,		14 10
	E. G. Babson, fish and oysters,		17 39
	(See itemized accounts),		
Mch. 1.	Cash in hands of Supt,		18 13
		\$637 76	\$637 76

The above account shows what the Supt. has received and paid out. The Overseers of the Poor have paid the following bills on town farm account.

Lathern Bent, on salary, 1895,	\$278 62	
W. P. Wight, as per report of 1895,	19 45	
		\$298 07
G. E. Fairfield, Supt., on salary,		200 00
Linburg and Benson, for repairs on buildings,		21 50
E. C. Parker, for fertilizer,		38 40
G. C. Clarke, medical attendance,		2 00
E. Sterling, medical attendance,		31 50
C. R. Mills, for supplies,		18 42
A. J. Dudley, supplies,		45 44
W. E. Jones, supplies,		66 42
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,		231 55
S. F. Root & Co., supplies,		97 82
	(For the above bills see itemized accounts.)	
A. J. Thayer, grain,		28 05
W. R. Wallis, lumber and repairs,		40 54
		\$1,119 71
Cash in hands of Superintendent,		18 13
		\$1,101 58

Number of weeks board at almshouse,		338
Nancy Jones,	52	
Ellen Thayer,	52	
Bridget Lee,	52	
Chas. Samiter,	52	
Rosina Conley,	45	
Preserved Green,	33	
Rhoda Hill,	52—	338
Cost of board per week,		\$3 25
Deducting the amount that we have paid on last year's account \$298.07 and it has cost per week,		2 38

Miscellaneous Accounts.

A. F. Jones, expense to Worcester, in case of Edith Shaw,	\$1 50
A. F. Jones, expense in case of Remie Mathews,	2 00
A. F. Jones, expense in case of Preserved Green,	5 00
A. F. Jones, time and expense to Boston, in case of state poor,	5 00
C. J. Batcheller, printing and stationery,	3 75
Postage stamps,	4 00
Letter file book,	1 00
Bill heads,	1 49
History blanks,	1 25
Joseph Bowen, case of drawers for bill heads, etc.	5 00
Dr. G. C. Clarke, medical attendance to three tramps,	2 50
E. C. Parker, time surveying town farm,	10 00
A. F. Aldrich, for surveying and making plan of town farm,	20 00
	\$62 49

C. R. Mill's Itemized Account.

2 brooms	40	1 R. beef,	20
1 paper pail	35	Berries,	20
1 broom	20	Peas,	15
3 gal. oil	36	"	17
Salt	18	Cheese,	39
Prunes,	25	Tablet,	10
Oranges,	25	Stationery,	10
Prunes,	50	Axle grease,	25
2 R. beef,	40	2 rakes,	70

Meal and corn,	2 50	Salt,	30
Oats,	2 00	Seeds,	25
Sugar,	1 00	Pepper,	12
Elastic cord,	05	2 brooms,	45
Corn and oats,	2 15	1 qt. peas,	20
Jug,	25	Cucumber seeds,	30
2 pails,	30	Turnip "	10
1 rake,	35		
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. potatoes,	65		
Meal and corn,	2 30		\$18 42

A. J. Dudley's Itemized Account.

1 shawl,	\$ 68	Pork,	1 20
Hay,	2 30	Oil,	15
2 pails,	75	Sausage,	53
Beef,	1 35	Rib,	1 18
Spikes,	25	Print,	66
Screws,	06	Fish,	38
Nails,	09	Sausage,	87
Hinges,	25	Bacon,	20
Balsam,	35	Stockings,	50
Extract lemon,	25	Pork,	75
70 lb. nails,	1 78	Sausage,	46
Bacon,	1 20	Oil,	45
Mowing machine knives,	3 16	Crackers,	25
Vaseline,	10	Codfish,	38
Scythe and snath,	1 40	Extract lemon,	25
Stone and rifle,	20	Mittens,	50
Nails,	07	Saw,	87
Sweet potatoes,	25	Pork,	1 34
" "	45	Sausage,	78
Bacon,	80	Nails,	16
Beef,	25	Tobacco,	25
Bacon,	25	Bacon,	49
Codfish,	38	Codfish,	38
Basket,	50	Sausage,	65
Bacon,	72	Card,	10
Sausage,	63	Pork,	95
Fish,	38	1 pr. drawers,	50
Sausage,	55	Fish,	38
Flour,	2 45	Bolts,	12
"	2 38	Axle oil,	25
Fish,	38	Fish,	38
Sausage,	65	Bacon,	59
Bacon,	80	Tobacco,	25
Stockings,	50	Balsam,	70
Fly paper,	25		
Sausage,	78		\$45 44

W. E. Jones' Itemized Account.

1 qt. turpentine,	15	1 varnish,	1 25
1 ivory black,	45	$1\frac{1}{2}$ gal. paint,	2 75

Umber,	25	Paint,	90
Butts,	10	Beans,	10
Dryer,	18	Paint,	90
3 latches,	30	Grass seed,	1 38
2 tubs,	70	“ “,	80
1 “,	25	1 pad,	35
1 pt. turpentine,	10	1 door latch,	25
Lime,	18	Thimbles,	20
Potash,	15	Milk pail,	90
Screws,	15	Hinges,	20
Varnish,	90	Varnish,	38
White paint,	1 75	Nails,	15
Glass,	60	File,	20
Putty,	25	Rake teeth,	1 00
Tubeing,	1 80	Oiler,	25
1 cutter,	25	3 rake teeth,	1 50
1 chain,	1 80	Hitch ropes,	50
1 yoke,	25	Scythe,	85
Buckets,	1 80	Tubes,	75
Rubiron,	25	1 pump complete,	9 50
Swivels,	30	1 double elbow,	50
Lead pipe,	45	5 lbs. stove pipe,	75
Labor and team,	2 78	Damper and collar,	35
1 link,	2 65	3 snappers,	15
Pump,	90	Glass,	95
Labor and man,	1 75	“	16
1 pr. butts and screws,	15	Putty,	25
Roll washer,	25	Grass seed,	3 76
Lime,	15	Stove pipe,	3 00
Latches,	20	Elbow,	35
Hooks,	20	Damper and collar,	35
1 knob,	10	Pipe,	1 00
Hinges,	35	Labor,	25
Paint,	55	Axe handles,	45
Bolts,	10	“ “,	45
Varnish stain,	55	Pipe and elbow,	1 50
Glue,	10		
2 screen doors,	3 00		
			\$66 42

E. N. Jenckes' Itemized Account.

9 bowls,	\$ 90	Paper,	1 20
Platter,	25	Border,	74
Coffee,	1 00	Bitters,	17
Sugar,	1 00	3 spools,	15
C. tartar,	35	Oil,	30
Pepper,	10	Tobacco,	25
Soda,	08	Roll paper,	20
Oats,	90	Roll paper,	30
Meal,	1 05	Border,	20
Corn,	1 05	Curlers,	25
Rye meal,	15	Tea,	60
Sapolio,	10	Butter,	85
Rails,	12	Gingham,	34

Elastic,	08	3 lb. raisins,	25
Molasses,	50	Cloth,	90
Tobacco,	25	Meal,	1 25
Soap,	25	Oats,	95
Go'd dust,	1 25	Curtains,	50
Chambers,	1 00	Coffee,	1 00
Butter,	85	Butter,	1 00
Suga ,	1 00	Corn,	1 25
Beans,	65	Oats,	95
Molasses,	13	Suspenders,	25
Beans,	25	Hdkfs,	25
Paper and border,	65	Meal,	1 25
Pickles,	10	Corn,	1 40
Ginger,	10	Feed,	1 20
Meal,	1 05	Oats,	95
Corn,	1 15	Tobacco,	25
Tub,	60	Hose,	25
Coffee,	1 00	Sugar,	1 00
Meal,	15	Table cloth,	68
Beef,	60	Lemons,	20
Pick'les,	25	Pickles,	10
Brush,	50	R meal,	30
Comb,	15	Beans,	65
Soap,	4 50	Chocolate,	20
Jumper,	65	Tea,	60
Meal,	1 10	Soda	08
Shorts,	1 90	C. tartar,	35
Cassia,	10	Print,	66
Cloves,	10	"	72
Jumper,	60	Oil cloth,	75
Berries,	25	Corn,	1 35
Oats,	90	Slippers,	25
Tobacco,	25	Cotton,	07
Mugs,	20	Spool,	05
R. meal,	30	Silesia,	30
Cotton,	10	Tumblers,	40
Sugar,	1 00	Spool,	05
Butter,	1 50	R. beef,	1 30
Tea,	60	Goods,	2 75
Tobacco,	25	Meal,	1 20
Oats,	1 80	Corn,	1 20
Meal,	1 10	Oats,	95
Feed,	1 20	Cloth,	1 05
Corn,	1 25	Berries,	50
Shoe strings,	04	Molasses,	50
Ticking,	16	Pepper,	10
Print,	07	Tea,	60
Shoes,	1 25	Coffee,	1 00
Combs,	30	Rice,	32
Lemons,	13	Meal,	1 20
Sugar	1 00	Broom,	25
Onions,	16	Corn,	1 20
Molasses,	50	Oats,	90
Meal,	1 15	Chimney,	08
Corn,	1 15	Shoes,	60
Cotton,	1 50	Lemons,	25

Jar,	45	Overalls,	65
Feed,	1 15	Sugar,	1 00
Meal,	1 15	Tea,	1 20
Oats,	90	Corn,	1 05
Corn,	1 15	"	1 05
Cheese,	45	Feed,	1 10
Pickles,	25	Coffee,	1 00
Onions,	25	C tartar,	35
Sugar,	1 00	Tongue,	60
Onions,	20	Beef,	23
Oil,	35	Lemons,	25
Soda,	08	Cheese,	74
	50	R. meal,	30
Sarsaparilla,	75	Pepper,	10
Tea,	60	Balsam,	25
Sugar,	1 00	Salt,	45
Squash,	38	Sugar,	1 00
	10	S. potatoes,	50
Shoes,	85		50
Cloth,	25	Oats,	2 40
Cheese,	60	Corn,	95
Apricots,	40	Boots,	2 25
R. meal,	30	Beef,	1 32
Coffee,	1 00	Lard,	95
Cotton batting,	25	Nutmeg,	20
Raisins,	25	S. potatoes,	50
Shoe strings,	04	Peaches,	25
Lemons,	13	Sugar,	1 00
Lard,	95	Corn,	95
Beef,	1 30	"	95
Hdkfs.	10	Matches,	18
C. tartar.	35	Cheese,	98
Tea,	60	S. potatoes,	50
Sugar,	1 00	Oats,	2 40
Salt,	10	Pork,	1 33
Salts,	10	Onions,	25
Peppermint,	10	Starch,	25
Broom,	45	Balsam,	12
Hair pins,	05	Oil,	36
Apricots,	1 00	Ginger,	35
Oats,	2 55	Feed,	1 10
Meal,	1 10	Meal,	90
Corn,	1 10	Corn,	90
"	1 05	R. meal,	30
Beans,	65	Tea,	60
Soap,	60	Coffee,	1 00
Print.	90	Sugar,	1 00
Yarn,	08	Cheese,	64
Onions,	18	Oats,	2 25
Cheese,	67	Batting,	25
Pins,	10		50
Pepper,	10	Corn,	1 80
Spools cotton,	50	Oats,	1 50
Pork,	1 10	Beef,	1 32
Sweet potatoes,	25	S. potatoes,	50
Cheese,	75	Balsam,	24

Shirts,	1 00	Soda,	08
S. powder,	10	Sugar,	1 00
Tobacco,	25	Cheese,	64
Cheese,	78	C. tartar,	35
Paper,	15	Oats,	1 30
Oats,	2 25	Corn,	85
Corn,	1 80	Oil,	42
Sugar,	1 00	Rice,	25
Oats,	2 25	Pins,	05
Corn,	1 80	Raisins,	25
Cotton,	2 40	Sundries,	90
Rais'ns,	25	Shoe string,	02
S. potatoes,	50	Pickles,	20
Flannel,	42	Curtains,	50
C. tartar,	35	Tea,	60
Soda,	08	Sugar,	1 00
Salt,	20	Coffee,	1 00
Tea,	60	Meal,	85
Cheese,	60	Soda,	08
S. potatoes,	50	Oil,	42
Apples,	30	Corn,	85
Pickles,	15	Oats,	1 30
Tripe,	30	Meal,	85
Meal,	1 80	Cheese,	75
Oats,	1 40	Pickles,	20
Corn,	90	Molasses,	50
Lard,	90	Catchup,	25
Ginger,	35	Sugar,	1 00
Beans,	60	Oats,	1 30
Oil cloth,	1 20	Corn,	85
Molasses,	50	Rope,	15
Ginger,	10	Tea,	60
R. meal,	30	Oil,	42
Coffee,	1 00	Tripe,	24
Drawers,	1 00	Pickles,	20
Oil,	36	Beef,	40
Sugar,	1 00	Pepper,	10
Prunes,	25	Corn,	80
Oats,	1 40	Oats,	1 30
Corn,	90	Sugar,	1 00
Tea,	60	Beans,	60
Cheese,	1 04	Crackers,	25
Corn,	90	Yarn,	60
Meal,	90	Lemon,	15
Oats,	1 40	Spools,	10
Meal,	90	Matches,	18
S. potatoes,	25	Scissors,	25
Beef,	1 20	Oats,	35
Apples,	2 75	Pail,	35
Crackers,	25	Coffee,	1 00
Turnips,	50	Cloves,	10
Drawers,	50	Spice,	10
Pickles,	20	Oats,	65
Oil,	42	Oil,	42
Corn,	90		
Oats,	1 40		

Molasses,	50	C. tartar,	35
Prunes,	50	Cocoa,	25
Corn,	80	Oil,	42
Sugar,	1 00	Sugar,	1 00
Tea,	1 20	Yarn,	10
Oats,	1 30	Cotton,	08
Pepper,	10	Mustard,	20
Cassia,	10	Ginger,	10
Suspenders,	25	Oats,	1 30
Ginger,	35	Spool,	05
Sugar,	1 00	Oats,	60
C. tartar,	35	Sugar,	1 00
Cheese,	55	Peas,	27
Meal,	1 30	Seeds,	33
Oil,	42	Axle oil,	25
Salt,	10		45
Raisins,	25	Overalls,	70
Squash,	38	Corn,	80
Pickles,	10	Oil,	42
Nutmeg,	20	Coffee,	1 00
Pickles,	25	Oats,	1 30
Coffee,	1 00	Corn,	80
Molasses,	50		
R. meal,	30		
Starch,	25		
Soda,	08		
			\$268 77

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Eggs,	\$ 75	Eggs,	1 25
"	1 28	"	1 62
"	90	"	1 12
"	1 13	Butter,	1 38
"	1 20	Eggs,	1 65
"	1 80	Butter,	1 81
Butter,	1 40	Eggs,	1 20
Potatoes,	1 20	Butter,	1 06
Eggs,	80	Beans,	1 65
Butter,	1 60	Potatoes,	10
Eggs,	88		
Butter,	1 54		
			\$37 22

S. F. Root & Co.'s Itemized Account.

Bal. due on %c,	\$5 80	Fish,	1 75
Flour,	3 50	Starch,	25
Carpet,	6 90	Matches,	18
Cheese,	28	Salt,	20
31 yds. carpet,	13 95	Corn,	1 10
Making carpet,	1 55	Oats,	90
Rice,	50	Print,	1 39
Codfish,	50	Corn,	1 10
Screen,	32	Chamber,	35
Tea,	50	Oats,	1 80

Blueing,	15
Ham,	1 88
Seed potatoes,	2 00
Screens,	40
Apples,	1 00
Soda,	08
C. tartar,	40
Shoe strings,	08
Plasters,	25
Meal,	1 25
Twine,	10
Codfish,	2 70
Hose,	25
"	25
Berries,	30
Rolled oats,	75
D. apple,	1 00
Waist,	50
Beans,	18
Seeds,	10
Sugar,	1 00
Shorts,	1 32
Meal,	1 20
Berries,	25
Meal,	1 15
Corn,	1 15
Oats,	90
Paris green,	35
Hay,	83
Potatoes,	65
Molasses,	50
Hay,	2 43
Corn,	1 25
Hay,	2 61
Tobacco,	25
Meal,	1 15
D. apple,	50
Mustard,	20
Molasses,	50
Sugar,	1 00
Soda,	08
Currants,	20
Citron,	15
Molasses,	50
Onions,	20
Soda,	08
S. potatoes,	50
Codfish,	50
Oil,	36
Meal,	95
Corn,	95
Sugar,	1 00
Rice,	50
S. potatoes,	25

Hay,	2 26
Potatoes,	50
Molasses,	50
Undervests,	2 00
Oil,	36
Meal,	90
Corn,	1 00
Lemons,	15
Bananas,	20
Oil,	36
Meal,	90
Buttons,	20
Corn,	90
S. potatoes,	50
Beans,	1 00
Meal,	85
Oats,	1 30
Meal,	85
Corn,	85
Shorts,	1 00
Onions,	60
Horse blankets,	4 50
Surcingles,	1 00
Blanket,	1 25
Flour,	4 00
Salt,	30
Flannel,	2 22
Oil,	39
Crackers,	20
Oil,	39
Silesia,	60
Hose,	25
Oats,	1 30
Tobacco,	25
Sugar,	1 00
Oats,	1 30
Corn,	85
	\$118 83

CR.

Eggs,	\$ 90
"	1 05
Chamber returned,	35
Eggs,	1 00
"	1 32
"	1 75
9 ft. wood,	5 07
8 " "	4 50
9 " "	5 07
	\$21 01

F. R. Caswell's Itemized Account.

Ham,	\$ 46	Pork,	64
Beef,	1 08	Beef,	70
Sausage,	54	Ham,	78
Ham,	78	Bacon and pork,	1 65
Beef,	72	Beef,	1 00
Sausage,	57	Pork,	40
Beef,	90	Beef,	58
Ham,	1 61	Pork,	75
Pork,	88	Veal,	84
Bacon,	75	Beef,	30
Sausage,	62	Sausage,	56
Bacon,	83	Beef,	54
Pork,	1 17	Pork,	1 30
Sausage,	49	Beef,	90
Bacon,	1 09	Pork,	1 35
Veal,	88	Beef,	80
Pork,	91	Cabbage,	14
Sausage,	52	Pork,	40
Beef,	1 08	Sausage,	77
Sausage,	95	Veal,	85
Spinach,	50	Ham,	1 00
Pork,	95	Beef,	44
Veal,	1 44	Ham,	1 82
Beef,	1 14	Beets,	45
Sausage,	78	Beef,	1 44
Pork,	75	Pork,	1 35
"	1 08	Mutton,	78
Bacon,	38	Pork,	1 20
Veal,	72	Beef,	60
Pork,	1 25	"	30
Tripe,	30	"	75
Sausage,	72	"	48
Beef,	64	"	75
Lettuce,	10	Cabbage,	05
Vegetables,	25	Sausage,	35
Pork,	60	Beef,	50
Veal,	91	Pork,	88
Mutton,	66	Sausage,	60
Pork,	91	Beef,	83
Ham,	85	Cabbage,	10
Vegt.	10	Pork,	55
Mutton,	1 00	Ham,	1 92
Beef,	48	Beef,	97
Cabbage,	10	Beef,	1 00
Vegt.,	35	Ham,	1 96
Pork,	63	Mutton,	50
Vegt.,	05	Sausage,	48
Pork,	89	Pork,	1 08
"	65	Sausage,	60
"	1 05	Beef,	85
Bacon,	57	Sausage,	43
Beef,	75	Beef,	51

Beef,	72	Cash,	CR.	\$12 99
Sausage,	54	89 veal,		8 01
Beef,	30	94 "		8 46
Sausage,	60	Cash,		10 00
Beef,	1 20	73 veal,		6 57
Sausage,	54	Cash,		10 00
Beef,	42	422 pork,		25 32
"	72	Labor,		2 00
Sausage,	69	Cash,		1 53
	\$84 88			\$84 88

E. G. Babson's Itemized Account.

Fish,	\$ 32	Fish,	48
do	48	do	26
do	44	Oysters,	20
do	44	Fish,	36
do	62	Oysters,	60
do	68	Fish,	48
do	42	do	52
do	49	Oysters,	20
do	42	Fish,	56
do	42	do	46
do	56	do	50
do	32	do	50
do	56	do	50
do	52	Oysters,	80
do	52	Fish,	48
do	56	do	56
do	56	do	48
do	56		
do	56		\$17 39

Outside Poor.

Nellie M. Buxton,	\$20 00
Mrs. Frank Cary,	99 55
Julius Gould,	156 00
Chas. White,	5 00
Matilda Ladeaux,	1 50
Mrs. Peter A. Hughes,	17 00
Mrs. Chas. Gravlin,	11 97
Laura Virgin,	8 00
Rosina Conley,	4 72
Albert Hughes,	6 00
George Goro,	5 00
Thomas Vallier,	99 80
Smith Thayer,	35 00

Nelson Perry,	\$54 50	
Geo. Casey,	124 23	
Margaret Duprey,	56 00	
Richard M. Shaw,	57 08	
Mrs. Peter Scott,	4 25	
Chas. Samiter,	11 14	
Sylvia Wakefield,	60 00	
Geo. F. Haven,	129 78	
Joseph Raferty,	6 25	
Amelia Berthume,	46 50	
Aided two tramps,	1 75	
		\$1,021 02

Lockup.

W. D. Sanborn, Keeper,	\$20 00	
T. E. Hall, wood,	4 00	
A. F. Jones, wood,	20 88	
S. F. Root & Co., supplies,	16 57	
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,	2 64	
C. R. Mills, supplies,	6 78	
W. E. Jones, supplies,	12 83	
Joseph Bowen, filing saws,	50	
John Labelle, whitewashing and cleaning,	3 25	
John Labelle, keeper from April 8, 1895, to March 1, 1896,	44 00	
		\$131 45

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 864

Aided poor of other towns,		
Samuel Elliot, (Blackstone),	\$1 00	
Edward Putnam, (Wakefield),	42 61	
Archibald Kennedy, (Dudley),	34 90	
William Parsons, (Sutton),	33 10	
Peter Rattie, (Fall River),	35 56	
		\$147 17

State Paupers.

Adolph Gardner,	\$23 00
Harry Smith,	130 60
Alfred Bergran,	27 25

P. A. Efling,	\$ 2 00	
Fred Keinner,	68 09	
Napoleon Turcott,	11 00	
Joseph John,	34 00	
Mary Johnson,	6 00	
J. R. Mills,	11 00	
		\$312 94

Amount due from the state,		
Chas. Lawrence,	\$132 63	
Poke DeJong,	21 56	
Frank Helgreen,	23 10	
Adolph Berg,	8 00	
Reme Mathews,	37 50	
Peter Delier,	11 50	
Joseph Derocia,	19 25	
Geo. Simons,	30 79	
Chas. Peterson,	5 00	
Napoleon Turcott, (1894),	76 13	
Edwin Carlson,	3 00	
Adolph Gardner,	23 00	
Harry Smith,	130 60	
Alfred Bergran,	27 25	
P. A. Efling,	2 00	
Fred Keinner,	68 09	
Napoleon Turcott,	11 00	
Joseph John,	34 00	
Mary Johnson,	6 00	
J. R. Mills,	11 00	
		\$676 40
Due from town of Blackstone,		
Samuel Elliot,		4 00

Recapitulation.

Paid for supplies at almshouse less the amount received from Supt.	\$1,101 58
Miscellaneous account,	62 49
Outside poor,	1,021 02
Lockup expenses,	131 45
Poor of other towns,	147 17
State poor,	312 94

	\$2,776 65
Cash in hand of overseers of poor,	12 77
	\$2,789 42

Cash received from treasurer,	\$2,650 00
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Cash received from other towns, as follows:

Fall River,	\$35 56	
Dudley,	34 90	
Wakefield,	35 86	
Sutton,	33 10	
		139 42

	\$2,789 42
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Due the supt. of almshouse for labor,

H. T. Barton,	\$9 24
I. T. Johnson,	13 25

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. JONES,	}	Overseers of the Poor of Douglas.
ORRIN CHASE,		
EDGAR C. PARKER,		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
A. F. JONES, SUPERINTENDENT
OF
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGERS, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

Prices paid for labor and teams has been as follows, as per vote of the town :

Superintendent, per hour,	20 cents.
Man, per hour,	15
Boys, per hour,	7½ to 12½
One horse and cart,	12½
Two horses and cart.	22½
Two horses on scraper,	30
Driver on scraper,	17½
Superintendent's horse,	05

A. F. Jones, 832½ h.	\$166 50	John Goff 20 h.	3 00
Driving horse, 694½ h.	34 73	Richard Shaw 45 h.	6 75
2 horses and cart, 494 h	111 15	Fred Foster 70 h.	10 50
John Austin 455 h.	68 25	Peter Martin 40 h.	6 00
William S. Reynolds 381 h.	57 15	David Lunn driving scrap-	
George Roberts 274 h.	41 10	er 123 h.	21 53
Charles Scold 85 h.	12 75	L. A. Buffum 217½ h	32 63
Arthur Jones 2 horses and		Amos Goodness 114 h.	17 10
cart 623 h.	140 18	Tramp 5 h.	75
4 horses on scraper 123 h.	73 80	Alfred Lafloe 48½ h.	7 28
Amable Signet 151 h.	22 65	Fred Liberty 65 h.	9 75
Leon Thayer 31 h.	4 65	Geo. Nichols 90 h.	13 50
Fred Fashburg 263½ h.	39 53	Frank Lambert 22 h.	3 30
Wm. Sanborn 95 h.	14 25	Frank Pease 10 h.	1 50
Wm. Correll 150 h.	22 50	Joseph Taylor 73 h.	10 95
Eugene Correll 100 h.	15 00	Marshal Taylor 18 h	2 70

Otis King 244 h.	36 60
Joseph Quinn 10 h.	1 50
Homer Mercier 4 h.	60
Henry D. Wallis 39 h.	5 85
Nelson Emmons 4 h.	60
Mr. Phetteplace 5 h.	75
Harry Lunn 25½ h.	3 83
Frank E. Jones 5 h.	75
Henry White 5 h.	75
Peter Jarvis 8½ h.	1 28
Horace Batcheller 60 h.	9 00
1 horse and cart 60 h.	7 50
Chandler King 125 h.	18 75
W. H. Herendeen 286 h.	42 90
Geo. Reynolds 4½ h.	68
James Wixtead 61 h.	9 15
Geo. Goro 115 h.	17 25
Lewis Gaborey 112½ h.	16 88
E. T. Thayer 59½ h.	8 93
2 horses and cart 143½ h.	32 29
W. Hopkins 84 h.	12 60
Wilson Emerson 105 h.	15 75
Ralph Aldrich 40½ h.	6 08
2 horses and cart 40½ h.	9 11
A. F. Brown 2 horses and cart 41½ h.	9 33
Henry Howard 41½ h.	6 23
Herbert Wilcox 9½ h.	1 42
Phillip Mean 5 h.	75
Lorenzo Clark 10 h.	1 50
Poquett 5 h.	75
Nelson Lizard 21 h.	3 15
Mike Kulizak 87½ h.	13 13
A. G. Houghton 36 h.	5 40
Geo. A. Finley 150½ h.	22 58
Wm. N. Jones 9 h.	1 35
Herbert Johnson 4 h.	60
Jesse Thompson 150 h.	22 50
Harlie Brown 182 h.	27 30
David Keith 100 h.	15 00
Fred Parker 192 h.	28 80
Leon Keith 100 h.	15 00
A. G. Dudley 2 horses and cart 45 h.	10 12
Wm. Buxton 266 h.	39 90
Edgar Parker 100 h.	15 00
2 horses and cart 100 h.	22 50
Oscar Wade 113 h.	16 95
A. E. Chapman 30 h.	4 50
2 horses and cart 10 h.	2 25
Geo. E. Fairfield 294 h.	44 10
2 horses and cart 203 h.	45 67
2 horses on scraper 61 h.	18 30

Geo. E. Fairfield 1 horse and cart 25 h.	3 12
Peter Friary 20 h.	3 00
Driving on scraper 32 h.	5 60
2 horses and scraper 32 h.	9 60
2 horses and cart 20 h.	4 50
G. H. Dudley 92 h.	13 80
Driving scraper 25 h.	4 37
2 horses on scraper 5 h.	1 50
4 horses on scraper 30 h.	18 00
1 horse and cart 2 h.	25
W. L. Church 61 h.	9 15
2 horses and cart 11 h.	2 48
Frank Wellman 30 h.	4 50
2 horses and cart 30 h.	6 75
Harold Church 45 h.	6 75
L. A. Buffum 122 h.	18 30
2 horses and cart 66 h.	14 85
1 horse and cart 12 h.	1 50
Perley Jefferson 40 h.	6 00
M. J. Pease 10 h.	1 50
H. C. Belding 25 h.	3 75
Theodore Hall 35 h.	5 25
2 horses and cart 35 h.	7 87
M. D. Hathaway 24 h.	3 60
Willard Whipple 24 h.	3 60
1 horse and cart 10 h.	1 25
E. J. Paine 5 h.	75
S. P. Copp 10 h.	1 50
P. A. Dudley 5 h.	75
J. C. F. Bates 2 h.	30
Wallace Putnam 70 h.	10 50
Driving scraper 50 h.	8 75
A. F. Dudley 45 h.	6 75
Geo. M. Wallis 10 h.	1 50
Wm. Jilson 10 h.	1 50
O. F. Chase 155 h.	23 25
2 horses and cart 64½ h.	14 51
Suel Chase 96½ h.	14 48
Myron B. Chase 96½ h.	14 47
Orson Chase 61½ h.	9 23
Edrastus Chase 52 h.	7 80
Henry Chase 69 h.	10 35
C. Chase oxen 5 h.	1 00
Suel E. Chase oxen and cart 36 h.	8 10
Henry Chase 1 horse and cart 20 h.	2 50
V. T. Esten 2 h.	30
Ralph Converse 73 h.	7 30
J. A. Richardson 30 h.	4 50
2 horses and cart 68 h.	15 30
Chandler Titus 60 h.	9 00

Chandler Titus 1 horse and cart 20 h.	2 50
Wm. Richardson 7 h.	1 05
Wm. Manahan 49 h.	7 35
Walter Buxton 20 h.	3 00
Joseph Hughes 37½ h.	5 63
Wm. Benson 5 h.	75
G. C. Dudley 65 h.	9 75
2 horses and cart 65 h.	14 62
F. H. Paine 5 h.	75
Walter M. Buffum 12 h.	1 80
Henry A. Walker 20 h.	3 00
Pliny Richardson 25 h.	3 75
Ira Arnold 30 h.	4 50
Waldo Smith 20 h.	3 00
Bosma 10 h.	1 50
John Jarvis 20 h.	3 00
Henry Jarvis 20 h.	3 00
Chas. Fisher 20 h.	3 00
Richard Dermody 20 h.	3 00
W. R. Wallis 2 horses and cart 20 h.	4 50
1 horse and cart 20 h.	2 50
Lafayette Taft 11 h.	1 65
2 horses and cart 8 h.	1 80
Mr. Mowry 5 h.	75
N. G. Dudley 193 h.	28 95
1 horse and cart 26 h.	3 25
James Peters 53 h.	7 95
2 horses and cart 101 h.	22 72
Henry Peters 51 h.	7 65
Andrew Roberts 93 h.	13 95
1 horse and cart 28 h.	3 50
2 horses and cart 7½ h.	1 68
Nelson Roberts 96 h.	14 40
A Goular 58 h.	8 70
Chas. Dudley 124 h.	18 60
Amos Humes 73½ h.	11 03
Nahum Davis 7 h.	1 05
L. A. Stockwell 8 h.	1 20
2 horses and cart 6 h.	1 35
S. P. Rawson 50 h.	10 00
Driving horse 10h.	50
G. H. Dudley 2 horses and cart 80 h.	18 00
Chas. White 18½ days trimming roads	13 88
C. F. Rawson labor on cul- vert	25
G. H. Dudley 5 h.	75
Wallis Putnam 5 h.	75
	\$2236 38

Snow Roads.

G. H. Dudley 3 h.	45
2 horses and sled 3 h.	67
Wallis Putnam 3 h.	45
	\$1 57

Gravel Purchased.

A. J. Thayer	94 loads	\$4 70
J. R. Walling	30 "	1 50
Alfred Reynolds	24 "	1 20
Hannah Fairfield	14 "	70
Phoebe Keith	47 "	2 35
L. A. Buffum	85 "	4 25
A. F. Jones	690 "	34 50
W. R. Wallis	126 "	6 30
Chas. Dudley	32 "	1 60
L. A. Stockwell	4 "	20
		\$57 30

Labor on Bridges.

B. A. Stockwell 85 h. @ 30	\$25 50
John Balisle 65 h. @ 17½	11 37
Major Benson 20½ h. @ .30	6 15
" " 67 h. @ .25	16 75
Wm. Benson 87½ h. @ .20	17 50
Stillman Russell 42 h. @ .20	8 40
	\$85 67

Lumber for Bridges.

Geo. E. Fairfield 7 bridge stringers 5.00	\$35 00
3232 ft. chestnut plank 18 00	58 18
W. R. Wallis 2010 chest- nut plank 18 00	36 18
Chestnut lumber and sawing	3 00
14 bridge stringers 5 00	70 00
594 ft. chestnut lumber 22 00	13 06
A. F. Jones 353 ft. chest- nut plank 20 00	7 06
105 ft. chestnut lumber 18 00	1 85
W. H. Parker 349 ft. chest- nut plank 15 00	5 23
Arthur F. Jones carting bridge timber	4 00
Geo. A. Gleason sharpen- ing tools	1 85

Bolts for Lovett bridge	8	50	W. R. Wallis repairs on 2		
W. E. Jones 1 hoe		65	road scrapers	33	50
1 potato hook		50	1 plank		32
Hoopiron and nails		66	A. J. Dudley 32 lbs. spikes		80
Dynamite	1	00	G. H. Dudley 8 posts		75
Pail and dipper		30	4 poles	1	00
Caps and fuse		68	O. F. Chase bridge stone	2	50
Spikes and nails	8	91	James McLaughlin 1490 ft.		
C. W. Brown sharpening			fence railing	14	90
tools		50	S. F. Root 1 branding cop-		
S. D. Strout sharpening tools		50	per	1	75
F. Phetteplace sharpening					
tools		80			
N. G. Dudley powder fuse			Total expense	\$2,738	82
and caps	1	82			
Sharpening tools		70			
A. F. Jones 150 ft. heavy			Road Tools on Hand Mar. 1,		
railing	3	00	1896.		
20 posts	1	00	2 road machines, points		
Hoopiron		25	and cutters	\$250	00
86 small ties	5	16	2 bush scrapers	6	00
1 pick and handle	1	12	2 side scrapers	1	00
Sharpening tools		50	2 steel bars	3	00
Repairs on 4 bridges	15	16	4 snow shovels	1	00
3 iron posts	1	00	7 picks	3	00
Plow point and bolts		80	1 post spade		50
1 lantern oil and globe			14 spades	4	00
used at Lovett bridge	2	00	2 forks	1	50
Expense to Worcester to			5 stone pickers	2	00
meet State Highway			1 iron rake		50
Commissioners	2	00	1 stone sledge	1	00
Painting two road scrap-			1 bush scythe and snath	1	50
ers 2 coats	6	00	Stone tools and explosives	10	00
Mrs. Caleb Hill housing					
road scraper	3	50			
					\$285 00

It has been my endeavor to keep the expenditures within the appropriation, but some unforeseen expenses, which were not anticipated in the appropriation, have made it impossible to do so. Cutting down the hill near W. E. Hayward & Co.'s new mill, as per order of the selectmen, has cost the town \$283.47. Building a new bridge near the Lovett mill, and repairing the bridge near J. B. Sweet's, putting on new three inch covering plank as per order of the bridge viewers, has cost about \$350. I also found it necessary to repair the road scrapers, neither of which could be used as they were; I have put them in good

repair and given them two coats of paint at a cost to the town of \$39.50; making a total of about \$673.00 which was not anticipated in the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. JONES.

REPORT OF
EDWIN MOORE, AGENT,
ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS,
TO THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

Notes due the town March 1, 1895,	\$18,992 46
Accrued interest on same,	1,339 98
Cash in hands of Agent,	1,139 20
	\$21,471 64

The Agent charges himself with cash on hand and received for interest and principal, as follows :

1895.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand, as above,	\$1,139 20
16.	Rec'd of Margaret F. Brown,	12 00
27.	Mary A. Reynolds,	15 00
Apr. 4.	Joseph Bassett,	30 00
17.	Allen Buxton,	6 00
29.	Susan V. Thayer,	30 00
	Betsey A. Batcheller,	106 00
May 10.	John Peterson,	309 50
13.	Betsey Emerson,	18 00
21.	Herbert L. Sherman,	30 00
June 7.	Gifford M. Bridge,	30 00
July 5.	Frank Duval,	21 00
6.	George C. Allen, Estate,	556 42
8.	Alexander Ritchie,	17 56
29.	Aaron Aldrich,	50 00
	Joanna Rawson,	12 00

Aug. 26.	Rec'd of Charles S. Caswell,	\$30 00
30.	Nancy Nole,	21 00
31.	William F. Young,	5 00
Sept. 7.	John H. Gough,	3 00
9	William F. Young,	17 00
16.	George Roberts,	9 00
19.	John H. Gough,	2 00
25.	Oscar C. Rawson,	12 00
28.	Augustus Willett,	24 00
Oct. 4.	John H. Gough,	1 50
8.	R. T. Lesperance,	24 00
24.	Potter M. Bates,	9 00
25.	John H. Gough,	2 00
26.	P. Alger, part expense of apprais- ing,	1 25
Nov. 2 & 9.	John H. Gough,	2 00
30.	Louis Terrier,	24 00
Dec. 14.	Eva Maxim,	6 00
16.	Vashti H. Balcome,	7 50
21.	John D. Darling,	18 00
26.	Frank Duval,	71 00
28.	Amos G. Yates,	24 00
31.	Frank C. McCormick,	9 00
1896.		
Jan. 15.	Lizzie Wixtead,	12 00
25.	Oscar C. Rawson,	12 00
30.	Sarah Dufo,	12 00
Feb. 7.	Alex. Ritchie,	207 00
	A. F. Brown,	30 00
	Alvin H. Brown,	30 00
	Zilphia Rawson,	30 00
	Harriet C. Caswell,	12 00
	Frank S. Morse,	18 00
13.	Mary E. Keith,	30 00
14.	Emma J. Brown,	9 00
15.	Edwin C. Esten,	108 21
	Chas. H. Littlefield,	19 98
17.	S. W. Potter,	6 00
	Mary J. Willis,	30 00
18.	Peter Jarvis,	15 00
21.	Wm. F. Young,	10 00
28.	Mary J. Murphy,	230 00
29.	Wm. F. Young,	12 00
	Rebecca Morse,	60 00

Feb. 29.	Rec'd of W. F. Young,	\$6 00
		\$3,604 12

The Agent has loaned and paid out, as follows :

1895.		
Apr. 1.	Loaned to Fred R. Caswell,	\$200 00
25.	Frank E. Wellman,	200 00
30.	Paid for recording two mortgages,	2 20
May 10.	discharging mortgage,	25
21.	Loaned Anson Burlingame,	500 00
July 3.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 25
11.	Town taxes.	288 26
23.	Loaned George Barnes,	450 00
Aug. 17.	Willard Whipple,	450 00
	Paid for discharge of mortgage,	25
	recording mortgage,	1 12
Oct. 12.	Loaned Mary A. Reynolds,	100 00
	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 29
26.	Loaned Preserved Alger,	100 00
31.	Paid for recording two mortgages,	2 18
1896.		
Feb. 15.	discharging mortgage,	25
29.	Wm. Church, appraiser,	3 00
	I. S. Balcome, appraiser,	12 00
	Brigham Morse, appraiser,	12 00
	Agent for services and expenses,	75 00
Mar. 1.	Cash in hands of Agent to balance,	1,205 07
		\$3,604 12

Notes due the Town March 1, 1896.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Aaron Aldrich,		\$61 67	\$500 00
Joseph T. Arnold,		86 00	400 00
Rufus P. Johnson,		214 33	400 00
S. P. Rawson,	Zilphia M. Rawson,	30 75	500 00
Rebecca Morse,			500 00
John Vallier,		18 50	300 00
Alvin H. Brown,	A. F. Brown,	20 00	500 00
Adolphus F. Brown,		38 00	500 00
James Wixtead,	Lizzie Wixtead,	2 83	200 00

O. N. Thurber,	Eliza Williams,	\$51 30	\$300 00
I. T. Robbins,	F. C. McCormick,	10 50	150 00
Jas. McCormick,	John H. Gough,	70 00	350 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufo,	2 96	200 00
Phoebe Young,	Wm F. Young,	35 66	500 00
Amos A. Humes,	Nancy Nole,	19 83	350 00
Margaret Stearnes,	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	16 50	300 00
Mary J. Willis,		18 17	500 00
Louise Jarvis,	Peter Jarvis,	8 60	100 00
Micheal Roberts,	Alex. Ritchie,	3 40	87 66
Mitchel Auger,		33 45	300 00
Mary J. Murphy,		20 33	330 00
Phoebe E. Johnson,	C. H. Littlefield,	2 22	333 00
Allen Buxton,		5 60	100 00
Russell M. Peters,		23 00	250 00
Joanna Rawson,	C. F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
J. & M. Rivers,	R. T. Lesperance,	44 00	400 00
Amos G. Yates,		6 93	40 00
Vashti H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	3 64	125 00
Potter M. Bates,		3 37	150 00
Charles H. Hilton,		24 40	200 00
Margaret F. Brown,		11 33	200 00
Joseph Labeau,	Augustus Willett,	11 00	400 00
Frank Duval,		10 15	300 00
Louis Terrier,		5 00	400 00
Sarah H. Paine		24 50	200 00
Salina Casey,		63 00	500 00
Susan V. Thayer,		25 42	500 00
Daniel S. Buxton,		23 00	200 00
George Roberts,		8 00	150 00
Caleb Hill,		46 90	300 00
John D. Darling,		15 00	300 00
Chas. S. Caswell,		25 00	500 00
Harriet L. Caswell,		10 00	200 00
Mary M. Gough,		10 33	100 00
Caleb Hill,		31 07	200 00
E. M. Southwick,	Gifford M. Bridge,	47 50	500 00
Emma J. Brown,		4 12	150 00
Albert Whipple,		15 10	200 00
Eva Maxim,		1 40	100 00
Peter Jarvis,		5 10	150 00
Frank S. Morse,		37 80	450 00
Mary E. Keith,		1 25	500 00
S. W. Potter,		20	100 00

M. A. Reynolds,	\$13 83	\$250 00
Joseph Bassett,	26 25	500 00
Herbert L. Sherman,	26 00	500 00
James Wixtead,	7 75	100 00
Fred R. Caswell,	11 00	200 00
Frank E. Wellman,	10 17	200 00
Anson Ingraham,	23 25	500 00
George E. Barnes,	16 27	450 00
Willard Whipple,	14 40	450 00
Mary A. Reynolds,	2 30	100 00
Preserved Alger,	2 06	100 00
Oscar C. Rawson,	1 20	200 00
Louisa M. Dore,		
	\$1,471 89	\$19,575 66

Recapitulation.

Notes due the town March 1, 1896,	\$19,575 66
Accrued interest,	1,471 89
Cash in hands of Agent,	1,205 07
Value of Devise March 1, 1896,	\$22,252 62
Value of Devise March 1, 1895,	21,471 64
Net gain for the year,	\$780 98

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN MOORE, Agent.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
The Free Public Library.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

		DR.
1895.		
Mar. 1.	To cash in town treasury,	\$392 62
June 18.	rec'd fines and catalogues,	2 10
Sep. 30.	finer and catalogues,	5 80
Nov. 29.	library entertainment,	128 75
Dec. 18.	finer and catalogues,	1 63
	dog fund,	285 94
1896.		
Mar. 1.	finer and catalogues,	82
		\$817 66

		CR.
1895.		
June 18.	By paid Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	\$15 00
30.	for books,	236 91
	numbering and catalogueing,	1 00
	freight and express on books,	1 08
	rebinding 175 @ 25c.	43 75
	42 @ 20c.	8 40
	addendas to catalogue,	5 50
	record book for librarian,	6 00
Sept. 30.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	20 00
	six month's rent,	50 00

Oct. 30.	By paid A. J. Thayer, wood,	\$ 1 50
	insurance for three years,	37 50
Dec. 18.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	20 00
	getting in wood,	25
1896.		
Mar. 1.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington	20 00
	six month's rent,	50 00
	oil and broom,	1 22
		\$518 11
	Cash in town treasury,	299 55
		\$817 66

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Whole number of books in library,	2,805
Number added during the year,	238
Number issued during the year,	9,163
Average number issued on Wednesday,	146
Average number issued on Saturday evening,	59
Amount of fines for the year,	\$10 36
Balance of fines March 1, 1895,	19 98— 30 34
Amount collected for fines,	9 80
Received for sale of catalogues,	55
Paid to treasurer,	\$10 35
Amount collected for fines,	9 80
Balance due for fines March 1, 1896.	\$20 54

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		35
males,	18	
females,	17—	
foreign parentage,	20	
mixed parentage,	3	
American parentage,	12—	35

Marriages.

Whole number,		26
Foreign birth,	21	
American birth,	31—	52
Resident in Douglas,	20	
Resident elsewhere,	32—	52
First marriage,	42	
Second marriage,	10—	52

Deaths.

Whole number,		56
males,	31	
females,	35—	
foreign birth,	10	
American birth,	46—	56

Number under 1 year,		13	
between 1 and 5,		4	
5 10,		0	
10 20,		1	
20 30,		5	
30 40,		4	
40 50,		3	
50 60,		3	
60 70,		6	
70 80,		13	
80 90,		3	
over 90,		1—	56

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,			156
Males,	146 @ \$2.00	\$292 00	
Females,	10 @ 5.00	50 00—	\$342 00

W. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1896.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1896.

School Committee.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	Term expires March 1, 1896
W. H. EMERSON,	1896
A. F. BROWN,	1896
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	1897
H. O. LAMSON,	1897
W. E. CARPENTER,	1897
W. W. BROWN,	1898
C. J. BATCHELLER,	1898
M. M. LUTHER,	1898

The above Committee met March 1895, and organized as follows :

President,—S. RUSSELL.

Clerk,—FRANCISCO BOWEN.

Superintending Committee, { W. W. BROWN,
S. RUSSELL,
W. H. EMERSON.

Purchasing Agent,—S. RUSSELL.

Truant Officer,—FRANK F. YOUNG.

Teachers for 1895-6.

F. J. LIBBY,	ETTA H. JOHNSON,
ADA E. MCMAHON,	K. LENA WIXTEAD,
LILLIAN G. LINCOLN,	EDITH M. ABBOTT,
BESSIE M. BATCHELLER,	EUNICE E. HADLEY,
EUNA L. BUFFINGTON,	LAURA E. BROWN.
MAUD BARRY,	VIOLA BRIDGES,
ALICE PENNELL,	MARY G. LAWLOR,
LILIA C. STILPHEN.	

Statistics.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1895, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	412
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	443
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	288
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	6
over 15 yrs.	39
between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	286
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	127
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	91 $\frac{1}{4}$
Number of female teachers,	14
male teachers,	1
Average wages paid female teachers per month,	\$33.46
male teachers,	90.00

Appropriations.

Appropriations for public schools by the town, March 1, 1895,	\$4,400 00	
Repairs of school houses,	300 00	
School books and supplies,	500 00	
State school fund,	325 60	
Town school fund, (interest),	56 48	
Received for school books,	3 75	
Received for tuition from out of town pupils,	14 00	
New books on hand,	180 46	
Transporting pupils,	50 00	
Balance unexpended last year,	1,073 45-	\$6,904 74

Expenses of Public Schools.

Teachers' wages for the year,	\$4,810 00	
Permanent repairs,	148 41	
Truant officer,	15 00	
Care of rooms,	145 20	
Purchasing agent,	25 00	
School books and supplies,	480 60	
Fuel,	276 93	
Transporting pupils,	77 50	
Paid superintending committee,	100 00	
Taking school census,	7 00	
Rent of Central hall for graduating exercises,	10 00	
Printing,	13 00	
Balance unexpended,	796 10-	\$6,904 74

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—F. J. LIBBY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	16	13	13
Wages per week,	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$22.50
Whole number of scholars,	32	25	23
Average attendance,	26	22	20

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—LILLIAN G. LINCOLN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$12	\$12	\$12
Whole number of scholars,	34	45	41
Average attendance,	27	40	35

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Teachers, { ADA E. MCMAHON, Spring.
 { MAUD BARRY, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	15	19	17
Average attendance,	12	15	14

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Teacher,—VIOLA BRIDGES.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	15	13	11
Average attendance,	12	12	9

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Teacher,—LAURA E. BROWN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	27	22	23
Average attendance,	19	19	17

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Teachers, { MAUD A. BARRY, Spring.
 { BESSIE M. BATCHELLER, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	10	10	11
Average attendance,	9	8	9

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Teacher,—MARY G. LAWLOR.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	9	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	9	14	14
Average attendance,	8	12	9

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Teacher, LILIA C. STILPHEN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	16	15	14
Average attendance,	12	13	12

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Teacher,—ALICE PLNNELL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	13	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	12	11	7
Average attendance,	9	8	5

SCHOOL NO. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—EDITH M. ABBOTT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	36	32	32
Average attendance,	28	25	23

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers, { EUNICE HADLEY, Spring.
 { ADA E. McMAHON, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$10	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	43	49	46
Average attendance,	36	43	39

SCHOOL NO. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—ETTA JOHNSON.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	40	35	29
Average attendance,	25	26	22

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—EUNA L. BUFFINGTON.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	31	37	32
Average attendance,	26	29	25

SCHOOL NO. 11. (Engine Hall.)

Teacher,—K. LENA WIXTEAD.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	48	53	49
Average attendance,	32	45	33

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS :

Another year with its opportunities has passed, and again your committee submit their annual report of the condition of the schools. Although every expectation has not been fulfilled, yet we feel assured that much good work and improvement has been the result of the earnest efforts of our most efficient teachers. To review the incidents of school life in our town for the past year and present the items of interest relating thereto, is a task that involves reflections made familiar to the public through the necessary details of previous years, therefore repetitions are virtually unavoidable. It is far from necessary to attack the present theme in a critical spirit, for an easy atonement for past mistakes is to display a practical disposition to profit by the suggestive recollections of past experience and take a truer aim at ideal progress in school work during the span of the current year. Therefore we shall proceed at once to speak of some of the most important matters pertaining to the past school year and emphasize briefly the principal causes that prevent progress.

ATTENDANCE.

Irregularity in attendance is a great source of hinderance to

the best work in schools. The unnecessarily absent or tardy pupil not only wastes his own time but on entering school late he seriously disturbs and hinders the work of every other member of the school. The loss which he brings upon himself is sufficiently serious, but it is insignificant in comparison with the injury his perversity entails upon his classmates and the waste of the teacher's time and energy in wearisome repetition and review, which retards the progress in the school work to such an extent that we can never expect to reach a high standard under existing conditions. There seems to be a lack of appreciation of our public schools on the part of both the parents and the pupils. Instruction is free, text-books and all supplies are free, therefore such thoughtless indifference on the part of some parents in the education of their children is inexcusable. Irregular school attendance encourages habits of negligence and aimlessness, which will be an incalculable source of evil to the pupil and to the community in after years. The state and town furnish liberally, to all, the means and opportunity of obtaining a good common school education, and in return for this we earnestly ask the co-operation of parents to help secure an adequate return for such generous appropriations. It may not be out of place at this time to consider the approximate value of wasted school time. The average total loss of each case of tardiness is probably more than ten minutes, but at the rate of ten minutes the lost time of the 1,633 cases of tardiness recorded in our school registers during the past year are equivalent to a loss of more than 272 hours, or 45 school days. This added to the 8,618 days of absence, which are also found in the registers, makes a total loss of 8,663 days or more than 48 years of school life. The average cost for each pupil in actual attendance the past year has been about \$20, and upon this basis the town has expended \$960 on these absent and tardy children, for which there is absolutely no return. In consideration of these facts, every parent and friend of education should use every effort to remove this serious evil and help bring our schools up to a higher standard.

TRUANCY.

The truant officer has done good and faithful service, and the offenders have escaped the law only by promptly returning to school and settling down to school work. There are many ways in which the spirit of the truant law may be broken. It is only when undue absence assumes a phase of habitual truancy that the officer can interfere. When children are nominally in attendance there is no law to compel them to be present at every session, therefore the responsibility rests largely upon the parents who should see that their children are not unnecessarily absent or tardy. Many cases of tardiness might be avoided if parents were more thoughtful and would plan to have small jobs and errands done earlier in the morning.

DUTIES OF PARENTS.

It is only by co-operation of parents and teachers that the best results in school work can be obtained. It is earnestly hoped that parents will visit schools oftener and see for themselves what and how their children are being taught and have a pleasant understanding, through social relations with the teacher, whom they trust with the care and training of their children—encourage teachers to a higher degree of efficiency by kindly words of interest, and above all avoid taking the part of a complaining child by indulging in thoughtless and unjust criticism which tends to champion the child's cause against the teacher and destroy her influence for good. This evil does not only retard the progress of the school but it is an incalculable injury to the child. If parents would become better acquainted with the teacher's daily work, by personal visitation, they would be less liable to err in their judgement and be more ready to sympathize with the teacher.

EDUCATION.

The end of education is not simply to acquire a knowledge of facts from text-books. Beyond this are elements of development and training that are of far greater value—not the

ability to perform what somebody else has told us how to do, but the power of making one's natural talents available by means of an educated intelligence to find out for one's self. The body and mind, the faculties of acquisition, and reflection, the power of willing, choosing and feeling are all to be developed together. Moral, physical and industrial training are all essential means of stimulating the best element of an upright character, and none of these should be ignored in the education of the child. The new branches that are being added to our school curriculum, aim toward this end, and the good results obtained in this line of work should command the hearty support of all friends of education who desire to give to the children a practical education that will prepare them to live a life worth the living for self and for others.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

The value of drawing in the school room is indispensable. While it usually receives the consent of the teacher, it does not receive the hearty co-operation necessary to success. Its purpose is to cultivate the aesthetic sense of the pupil and to build up in his mind clear and correct concepts as a basis for thinking and doing. There are very few departments of manual labor where skill in drawing will not be a practical help in after life. It should be taught in our schools for the purpose of illustrating the incidents of history, geography, literature and science, to give expression to such ideas as can best be conveyed by diagrams or pictorial representations, which in many cases is the only clear avenue to the mind. It leads the child to discover, observe, to think and then express his thoughts by drawing lines on paper. We should teach it not for the sake of art alone, but for the sake of the child, to strengthen observation, accuracy and intelligence. Drawing is a world-wide language for expressing thought by lines, and this important branch of an education should receive more attention.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Only a little time has been given to gymnastic exercises which the pupils have entered into with enthusiasm, and the good results, especially as a disciplinary means, has proved sufficient to warrant its continuation. Disorder results largely from misdirected energy, and teachers find that physical exercises are a legitimate outlet to that energy which should not be checked. Children that are confined in the school room a large part of the time during the year, while they are getting their physical growth, have a tendency to take bent and twisted positions which threatens them with spinal curvature. To counteract this tendency, the Swedish system of gymnastics, judiciously applied, is an admirable means. It also establishes new relations between the will and muscles, and trains the nerve tracts and cells to convey impressions more quickly and accurately, and it promotes habits of orderly, intelligent action. Considering the fact that the muscular mechanism is controlled largely by automatic reflex action through the force of habit, we see the necessity of training the nerves and muscles to right action.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The unfavorable location of the school buildings in East Douglas and vicinity, prevents the adoption of a systematic method of grading to produce economy and efficiency in school work. In our course of study, the work below the high school is divided into three grades, primary, intermediate, and grammar, each grade embracing three year's work, excepting in the southern section of East Douglas, where the children of the first year's work have the advantage of kindergarten instruction, reducing the work of primary schools Nos. 3 and 9, to the second and third year's work, while the primary school No. 10 is obliged to labor under the disadvantage of having the three year's work. If the room formerly occupied by the high school

could be fitted up for the grammar grade, the rooms now occupied by the grammar and primary No. 3, be converted into one room for the kindergarten or first year grade and No. 3 primary removed to engine building, a better system of grading in the primary schools could be established and all the children in the vicinity of East Douglas could have the advantage of instruction in the kindergarten school. It is essential that some action be taken that all the children of East Douglas may be accommodated to equal advantages and enjoy comfortable and healthful rooms.

PROMOTION.

Pupils are promoted from grade to grade each year, at the close of the spring term in June, and take their places in the higher grades, at the commencement of the fall term, in September. The course of study being adapted to the ability of the average pupil, the majority of our pupils are fairly treated. But experience has proved this system to be unjust to two classes of pupils, those who have more than average ability and are capable of doing more than the amount of work of the school year, and those that are below the average, who practically set the pace to which all others must conform, to the injury of the pupils of the first class. The poor pupils are the ones who make complaint; their parents are the ones who complain and make the teacher trouble. Theoretically all pupils of a grade are able to advance in work at the same speed, but practically there will be found a great difference in mental ability. One child can learn faster than another of the same age, as well as one child can run faster than another of the same age, therefore it is not possible to grade our schools under existing accommodations without injury to a large number of the pupils. If the town would erect a school building, centrally located, to accommodate all the children in East Douglas, a better system of gradation could be adopted, that would admit of pupils advancing in their studies according to their ability.

REMARKS ON THE STATISTICS.

In comparing the table of statistics with that of the previous year's report it will show that the aggregate of months the schools have been in session is 127, which is $11\frac{1}{4}$ months more than the aggregate of the previous year. This is due to the necessity of opening school No. 8, to accommodate the increased number of pupils in that locality, and to keeping the Wallum Pond school in session the full number of weeks during the winter term, which was closed the previous year about the middle of the winter term, owing to severe weather. It would be a matter of economy to the town to transport the pupils from some of the outlying schools, where they would have the advantage of better facilities. Such a course would certainly be an advantage to the pupils.

W. W. BROWN,	}	Superintending School Committee.
STILLMAN RUSSELL,		
WM. H. EMERSON,		

